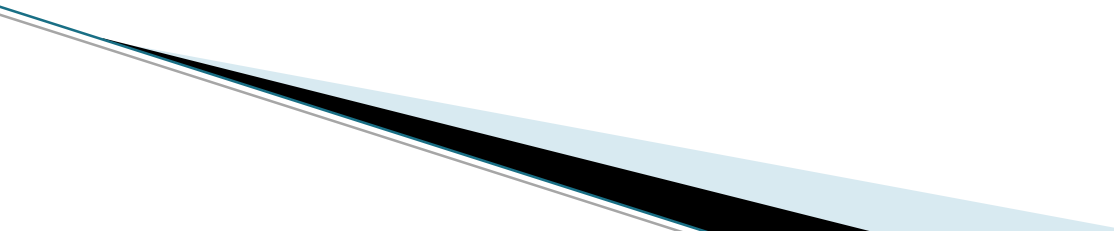


Wake up and smell the contraband

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A quick look at concealment tricks
discovered by corrections professionals

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**How many of the following
contraband schemes have you
seen or heard of?**

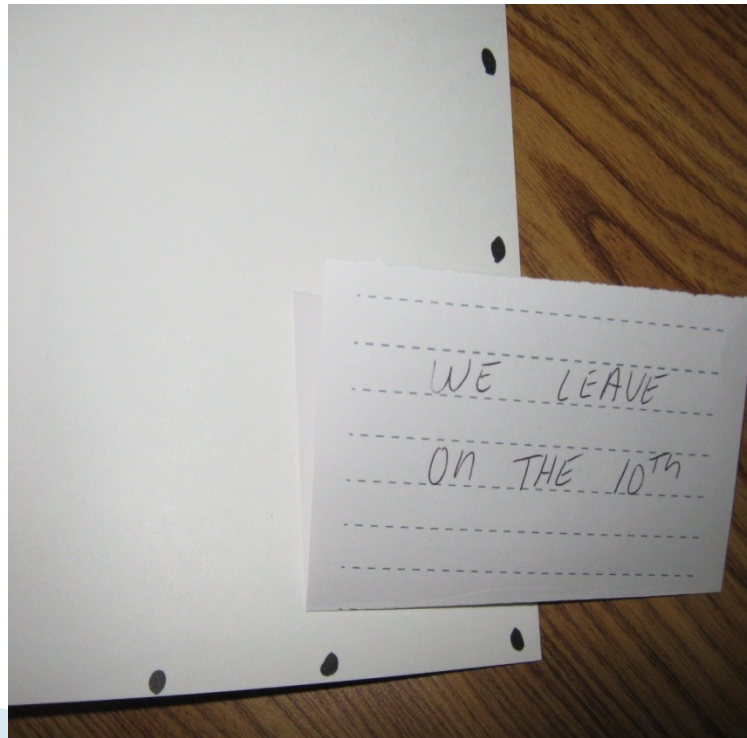
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Oldest trick in the book



A formula for concealment

- ▶ Remember: $A + B = C$
- ▶ Adhesives + Blank pages = Concealment



The hollowed out book is not just a Hollywood cliché

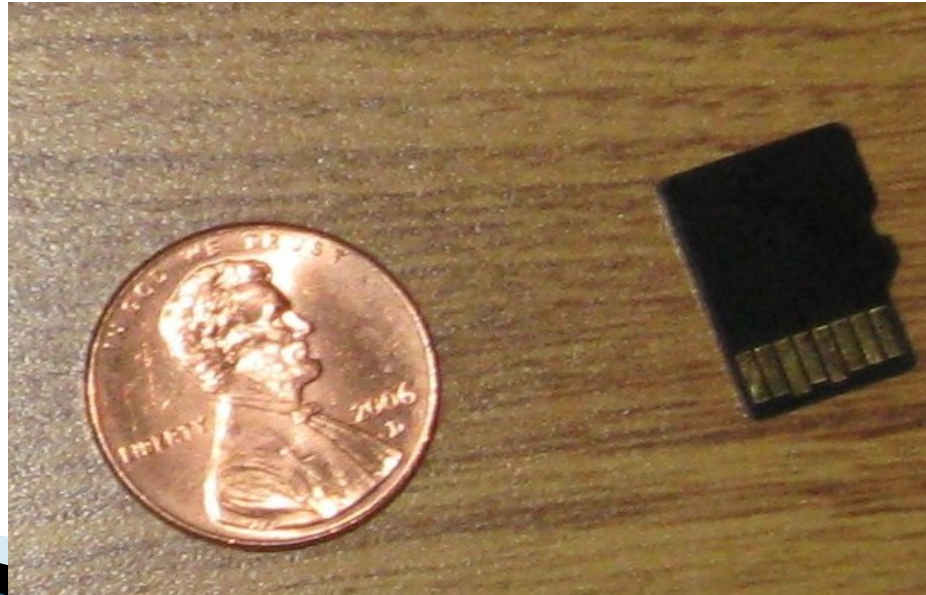


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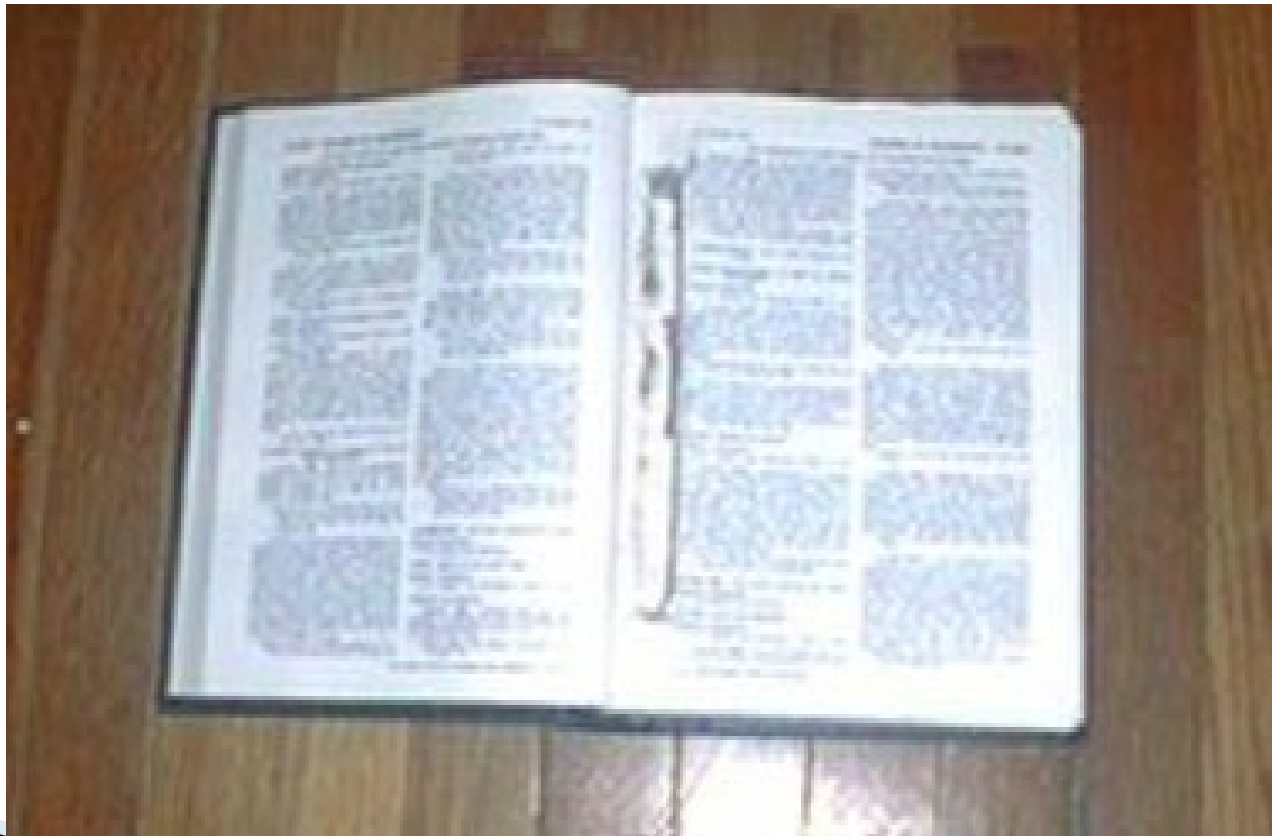


Information on a data card can be contraband

- ▶ Escape plans
- ▶ Staff information
- ▶ Exempt policies
- ▶ Security threat group directories



Forbidden tobacco



Deodorant containers can conceal many dangerous items



Small items are especially well hidden here

- ▶ Note the needle in the deodorant cake



The classic padded envelope scheme

- ▶ Note the pill in the flap



Innocent items are not off limits

- ▶ Want some candy?



Why we search collars

- ▶ A homemade cuff key would be hard to detect with a cursory search



Why we check shoes

- ▶ Just like in airports...



What lies beneath the surface?

- ▶ Peanut butter and petroleum jelly are available in most commissaries



Novelty packaging can prove dangerous

- ▶ What can we make from a metal container for mints or chewing gum?



Single blade



Double blade



Small but sharp



Made in a half hour with NO tools



College students with no shank experience



Novice shanks



One student created a talon



Safety starts with contraband control

- ▶ What is your contraband control plan?



Share your experiences...

- ▶ What are some vessels to hide bootleg?
- ▶ How do prisoners move illegal goods?
- ▶ Where do you find contraband during intake?
- ▶ Tell us your favorite contraband story.

